

SIAMESE MAY REPENT

UNITED STATES GUNBOAT MACHIAS ORDERED TO BANGKOK.
Where the Rights of Americans Have Been Trampled On and the Vice Consul General Assailed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—At the instance of the State Department the secretary of the navy has ordered the gunboat Machias to Bangkok, the capital of Siam, and she has sailed already from Canton, China, for that place. She will reach the way to Hong-Kong only long enough to take on a supply of coal. The mission of the ship, according to the records of the Navy Department is "to protect American interests," but the more definite reason for the trip is to afford Mr. Barrett, the United States minister and consul general at Bangkok, moral support, in certain representations he has made to the Siamese government in respect to the treatment of Mr. Edward V. Kellett, the vice consul general there.

Mr. Kellett has become involved in trouble of some sort with the Siamese officials, and although the State Department affords no information on the subject, it is gathered that he has been ill-treated and subjected to assault by Siamese soldiers. It is believed that the affair grows out of the old Chiao-chow claim, which has been the subject of controversy between the United States Department and the Siamese government for several years. Chiao-chow was a small town left a legacy to the United States by the Siamese government in 1893, in return for the Siamese government's recognition of the United States' title to the Philippines. The Siamese officials learned some time ago that the United States had on the property were being sold off, and as Mr. Kellett was connected with the movement, he was accused of having been the one who had sold the property. Mr. Kellett was a married man, and his wife was also connected with the movement. It is believed that the Siamese officials were angry at the fact that the United States had sold the property without their knowledge, and that they were angry at the fact that the United States had sold the property without their knowledge.

QUARANTINE AGREEMENT.

It Will Interfere Live-Stock Dealers Who Ship to or from Canada.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The agreement just effected between the secretary of agriculture and the Canadian minister of agriculture relative to the quarantine of animals passing from one country to another provides in substance that each country shall accept the veterinary certificate of the other as final, and that they shall keep each other informed of any outbreaks of contagious diseases; that a quarantine must be imposed on all animals coming from Europe, and that breeding cattle shall have certificates of freedom from tuberculosis. It is also provided that the United States shall accept the veterinary certificate of the other as final, and that they shall keep each other informed of any outbreaks of contagious diseases; that a quarantine must be imposed on all animals coming from Europe, and that breeding cattle shall have certificates of freedom from tuberculosis.

THE LOUD POSTAL BILL.

"Coin" Harvey Wants His Book Carried at Lowest Rates.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The Senate committee on postoffice and post roads granted a hearing to-day on the Loud postal bill. Among those who were heard was W. H. Harvey, author of "Coin's Financial School," who opposed the bill. Mr. Harvey contended that the consumer would be benefited by any reduction in the price of publications caused by low postage, for the reason that the bill would reduce the cost of the business, which the bill would most effect, as there could be on the publication of the metropolitan newspapers. He claimed that the distribution of cheap literature was a benefit to the nation, and that the bill would reduce the cost of the business, which the bill would most effect, as there could be on the publication of the metropolitan newspapers.

Congress Debated by Its Creators.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The rivalry of the electric lighting companies has involved the District commissioners in a row with leading committees of both branches of Congress, and it would not be surprising if the incident did not lead to radical changes in the management of the District of Columbia. The District commissioners have repeatedly defied the creating power, Congress, but they have not been able to do so in a permanent manner, and the creator is mightily disposed to administer a rebuke to their defiance. The District commissioners have repeatedly defied the creating power, Congress, but they have not been able to do so in a permanent manner, and the creator is mightily disposed to administer a rebuke to their defiance.

Socialism in New Zealand.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The Bureau of Statistics of the State Department has just published a most exhaustive report upon "Land Taxation and Labor Laws in New Zealand," prepared by United States Consul Connolly at Auckland. This report was prepared as a supplement to a former report published a month ago, and it contains much interesting information on the subject. The report is a most exhaustive one, and it contains much interesting information on the subject. The report is a most exhaustive one, and it contains much interesting information on the subject.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Official notice

of the death of United States Minister Willis has reached the State Department in a telegram from Consul General Ellis Mills. As nothing was said about the funeral arrangements, it is probable that the State Department will take steps in this matter, but the necessary expenses, including the cost of transportation of the remains to the United States, will be defrayed by it. There is no talk of a successor. Mr. Willis was born in the State of New York, and he was appointed to the position of minister to the United States by President McKinley. He died at his home in New York City, and he was buried there.

Plan to Reduce Cost of Census.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The recommendation of Carroll B. Wright, commissioner of labor and substitute census commissioner, is adopted, as it is probable that the census of 1900 will contain forty volumes, instead of twenty-five or thirty, and the cost will be only \$2,000,000, instead of \$3,000,000. The plan is to reduce the cost of the census by reducing the number of enumerators, and by reducing the number of questions asked of the population. The plan is to reduce the cost of the census by reducing the number of enumerators, and by reducing the number of questions asked of the population.

Conference on the Tariff Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The majority members of the ways and means committee were in secret conference to-night on the subject of the new tariff bill. Chairman Dingley was indisposed, and owing to that fact no effort was made by the committee to bring the bill to a vote to-night. The committee is expected to meet to-morrow, and to bring the bill to a vote.

Medal of Honor.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—A medal of honor has been awarded to Samuel J. Churchill, of Lawrence, Kan., late corporal Battery G, Second Illinois Light Artillery, for gallantry in the battle of Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 15, 1864. The medal was presented to him by the War Department, and it is a great honor.

General Notes.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—To-day's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, \$23,854,412; gold reserve, \$14,721,854.

UNITED MINE WORKERS

M. D. RATCHFORD CHOSEN PRESIDENT OF THE ORGANIZATION.

John Kane, of Indiana, Elected Vice President—Leadville Mines Flooded as a Result of the Strike.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 16.—The United Mine Workers of America to-day adopted the following, to go into effect Feb. 1:

"Resolved, That the wages of all day laborers in proportion to the mining rate be increased by one cent per ton of coal mined."

"Resolved, That the Jackson, Massillon, and other mines in the State of Ohio, and all other mines in the State of Ohio, be closed until the wages of all day laborers in proportion to the mining rate be increased by one cent per ton of coal mined."

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LILUOKALANI SILENT.

Her Private Secretary, However, Talks About Minister Willis.

POSTON, Mass., Jan. 16.—Lilulokalani, the deposed Queen of the Hawaiian Islands, positively refused to be interviewed on the death of the late Minister Willis. Her private secretary, Julius A. Palmer, in referring, however, to the subject, said:

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